

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for producing a wire cable with a core cable or core strand, in which, after the outer strand layer has been stranded, the wire cable is hammered to smooth its surface and/or to increase its space factor, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein an intermediate layer of a plastic material is applied to the core cable or core strand before the outer layer of strands is stranded, and the outer layer of strands is pressed into the plastic during the stranding process.
2. (Currently Amended) Method for producing a wire cable with a core that consists of a plastic strand, on which a layer of strands is stranded, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the wire cable is hammered after the stranding of the strand layer.
3. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein a thermoplastic is used for the intermediate layer, which is preferably heated during the process of stranding the outer strand layer.
4. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with ~~any of~~ Claims 1 to 3, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein standard strands with a core wire and one wire layer or parallel-lay strands

are used for the outer strand layer.

5. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 4, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein strands with a readily deformable core, especially a core of soft iron or plastic, are used for the outer strand layer.

6. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 5, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein preferably four hammers are used for the hammering, which are moved towards the wire cable from different sides and essentially completely surround it with adapted curvatures at the instant of their simultaneous impact.

7. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 6, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein hammers are used which have an axial extent of at least twice the cable diameter and preferably have an expanded, tapering inlet.

8. (Currently Amended) Method in accordance with ~~any of Claims 1 to 7, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein after it has been hammered, the wire cable is subjected to a surface treatment or coated or provided with a sheath.

9. (Currently Amended) Wire cable, which is hammered to smooth its surface and/or to compress it, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein it has a plastic intermediate layer (4) or a plastic core beneath the hammered outer strand layer (5).

10. (Currently Amended) Wire cable in accordance with Claim 9, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the outer strand layer (5) consists of standard strands (6) with a core wire and only one wire layer or parallel-lay strands.